

“A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO PAID THE PRICE OF FREEDOM”

Memorial Day Ceremony
May 31, 2010

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Tri-County Memorial Post 4719
and Ladies Auxillary

Gahanna, Ohio



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The cooperation of the Trustees of Mifflin, Jefferson,
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Jeff Sabo, Commander
Ray Jarvis, Memorial Chairman
Carl Lang, Master of Ceremonies

Dotti Brown, Auxillary President
David Keller, Drill Master

Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the “birthplace” of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo’s claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays. ~*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

**“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women
in the service of our country can never be repaid.
They have earned our undying gratitude.
America will never forget their sacrifices.”**

~President Harry S. Truman



HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

This Program is dedicated to the Heroic Dead of All Wars

by the

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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Knights of Columbus Council 10941
New Albany, Ohio





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Always remember our
Veterans of all wars.

Those men and women who
served, fought, and died for
our freedom.

Our POW/MIAs and their families,
and those men and women who now serve
in our military to protect the world in the
Global War on Terrorism.

May God Bless Them All.



AMERICAN LEGION & VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS HONOR GUARD

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- Past Post Commander

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

~Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872-1918)



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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Sunbury Road

9:00 a.m. Memorial March
Prayer – *Chaplain Rusty Lundy*
Pledge of Allegiance
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

New Albany

9:45 a.m. Memorial March
 Veterans of Foreign Wars – American Legion
 Knights of Columbus
Invocation – *Deacon Robert Killoren*
 Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
 New Albany High School Band
 Directed by Darren Falk
Address – *Deacon Robert Killoren*
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

JEFFERSON CEMETERY

Blacklick

10:45 a.m. Memorial March
Invocation – *Rev. David Allison*
 Havens Corners CCCU
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
 Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
 Directed by Jeff Shellhammer
Address – *Rev. David Allison*
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

CREEKSIDE BRIDGE

Gahanna

11:30 a.m. Assembly on Bridge
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 American Legion
Wreath Ceremony – *Commander Errol White*
Prayer – *Chaplain Rusty Lundy*
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
 Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
 Directed by Jeff Shellhammer
Rifle Salute and Taps
March to Mifflin Cemetery

MIFFLIN CEMETERY

Gahanna

12:15 p.m. Greetings from the Mayor of Gahanna
 The Honorable Becky W. Stinchcomb
Invocation – *Chaplain Jim Thompson*
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
 Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
 Directed by Jeff Shellhammer
Address – *Rev. Andrew Hoover*
 East Columbus Christian Church
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

GAHANNA VETERANS MEMORIAL

75 West Johnstown Road

1:00 p.m. Memorial Day Dedication
 Gahanna Veterans Memorial Committee